

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7, 2012 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

20 Nobert Street, Warren, RI 02885

Members Present: Rick Costa, Chairperson; Madeline Colon, Treasurer; Kristen Connors, 1st Vice Chair (speaker phone); Vincent DeJesus, 2nd Vice Chair; Liz Graves, State Plan Co-Chair; Margaret Molloy, NAC Chair; Jack Ringland, Secretary.

Absent: Don Phelps, State Plan Co-Chair.

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Administrator, (speaker phone); Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreter: Carol Fay

1. Welcome: Rick Costa welcomed new members, Vincent DeJesus and Margaret Molloy. Self-introductions were made.

2. Minutes for the July 11 and September 5, 2012 meeting: July 11th minutes were read aloud and a few corrections were made. A motion was made by Kristen Connors and seconded by Madeline Colon to accept the minutes as corrected. September 5th minutes were previously sent. A motion was made by Jack Ringland and seconded by Kristen Connors to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously.

4. Committee Appointments: The following appointments were made by Rick Costa: Margaret Molloy, Needs Assessment Committee Chairperson; Liz Graves and Don Phelps, Co-Chairs of the State Plan Committee; Don Phelps, Chair of the Membership and Nominating Committees.

5. Review of November and December 2012 calendar:

November 7: Executive Committee Meeting

November 14: NAC Meeting

November 28: Finance Committee Meeting

November 29: Tech Access Conference

December 5: Executive Committee Meeting

December 12: Quarterly Council Meeting at PARI

6. PARI anniversary dinner: Rick Costa reported that this year's event was not as well attended as past years. It was PARI's 40th anniversary; the SILC received recognition.

7. Review of the Annual Meeting: Rick Costa stated that he thought the meeting went smoothly and that the food and service was good.

8. Teleconference Report: The teleconference was a two part series on strengthening the relationship between the DSU, CILs, and SILC. Rick Costa reported on collaborating with the DSU. Rick stated that it was interesting to see that many states have a good relationship with the DSU who reported that they felt part of the decision making process. Among the things discussed was availability of funds for conferences and attendance at national and regional events. Heidi Showstead attended the second part and submitted a written report that was read aloud (see attached).

9. Agenda for December Quarterly Meeting: The Quarterly Meeting will be held at PARI on December 12th. The agenda was reviewed. There will be no educational presentation in order to devote additional time to review the 704 Report and the progress made toward the SPIL goals.

10. Finance Committee report: Madeline Colon reported that much time has been spent reviewing the next resource budget needs. The committee has a new member—Bob Cormier who brings to the committee a background in finance and law.

11. Needs Assessment Committee report: Margie Molloy reported that the committee has attended several conferences promoting and passing out the survey information. Among the conferences were: Rally for Recovery, Advocates in Action and the National Federation for the Blind. They will also be attending the Tech Access Conference later this month.

12. State Plan/704 Committee report: Liz Graves reported that the committee is gathering information from the CILs and ORS to complete the various sections of the 704 Report which is due by December 31st. In January, the committee will start working on the new FY 2014-16 State Plan.

13. Chairpersons Report: Lisel Rockwood reported that she received a note of thanks from Camille Pansa for the fruit basket. She also read a response letter from the Crown Plaza stating that they would take our concerns under advisement.

14. Old Business/New Business: none.

Jack Ringland
Secretary